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REMARKS

The Examiner's Office Action has been reviewed.

Note is taken of the Examiner's objection to the specification. In response thereto, Paragraph 1 of Page 2 of the application has been amended, replacing "and presently pending" with --now U.S. Patent No. 6,821,056-- in order to clarify the status of the parent application.

The Examiner has indicated that Claim 1 is allowable if amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112. It is deemed that these objections are overcome by the amendments to Claim 1 herein. Specifically, in Claim 1, line 9 "a foundation of a structure" has been amended to --the foundation of the structure--. In lines 39 and 41 the reference characters have been deleted. The objectionable limitations in lines 38 - 39 have been eliminated by amendments revising the claim so that it now reads "threaded cylinders coupled to the lower cross brace with the threaded cylinders having lower ends coupled to the threaded recesses".

The Examiner has indicated that Claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejections and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. In response thereto, the subject matter of Claims 4 and 5, as properly amended to overcome the Examiner's 112 objections, has been added to the base claim, Claim 2. The

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Examiner's objection to lines 6-7 of Claim 2 is deemed overcome by amending "the sleeve and guide tube and grout tube" to --the sleeve, a guide tube and the grout tube-- in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. The objectable limitation in lines 8-9 of Claim 2 has been removed by amending Claim 2 so that lines 8-9 now read "threaded cylinders coupled to the lower cross brace with the threaded cylinder having lower ends".

The Examiner has indicated that Claim 7 would be allowable upon the submission of a terminal disclaimer. Such terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith.

Claims 3, 4, 5 and 6 are canceled herein.

Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are requested.